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Subject: Comments on Additional Morse Code-Related Petitions

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To Whom it may concern,

Petition from Charles L. Jr, AG4Y0, designated RM-10805

I somewhat agree with Charles: My recommendation is to completely eliminate Element 1 and give all Technician and General licensees phone privileges on all bands.

If you must keep Element (1), then bump it up to the extra class operators this will truly be fitting for the extra class.

If you must keep Element (1), then fix it so that only those operators wishing to use CW take the element (1) test.

If the above recommendations fail then give Technicians 30 MHz and below phone privileges.

To require good radio operators to demonstrate their proficiency in code before moving on is really an albatross around their necks. Amateur Radio needs a positive regulatory boost. By bumping element 1 up to the extra class could effectively eliminate the term General class if so the new classes should be (1) Amateur Radio Operator and (2) Amateur Radio Operator Extra Class.

Thanks for your consideration,  
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